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# Valley Star

Los Angeles Valley College

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## Vote Rocks Trustees; Layoffs rescinded

By RYAN DORFF  
News Editor

In the wake of the April 14 elections during Spring break, there was one clear winner and one clear loser, sending a message throughout the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) that it is open season on those who support faculty layoffs.

The winner was incumbent Harold Garvin who, having been the only dissenting trustee last year against faculty layoffs, captured 62.5 percent of the vote.

The loser was Dr. Monroe F. Richman, a Sun Valley physician who had attracted droves of critics for his support of faculty layoffs. Richman had been a trustee for 16 years.

Wallace Knox, an attorney, captured 38 percent of the vote and will be forced into a runoff with teacher Patricia Hollingsworth who trailed Knox by about 30,000 votes.

No one else in the other two district seats was a clear victor, including incumbent Marguerite Archie-Hudson, who failed to win a majority by one percent.

A majority is constituted by 50 percent plus one vote.

Trustee Hudson will be forced into a runoff with Julia L. Wu, a librarian, on June 2.

The fourth seat, District 7, which had been vacated by incumbent Leticia Quezada in a successful bid for a seat on the Los Angeles Unified Board of Education, is being contested by USC professor David Lopez-Lee who won 38 percent of the vote, and former school board member Richard E. Ferraro, with 23.2 percent.

Elections for the LACCD Board of Trustees alternate every two years between odd and even number districts, thus district seats two, four and six will be up for election in 1989.

In a public meeting downtown the following day, everything was business as usual except for the absence of Dr. Richman, who had lost his bid for a fifth term.

**"Students and all registered voters should know that the race isn't over yet."**

Among the day's agenda was a proposal by Trustee Garvin, which had been postponed at a session two weeks before.

The proposal, upon which Garvin stood alone with Leticia Quezada, advocated an election process for college trustees which is presently in effect for the city school board. School board members are elected by district, while college trustees are elected at large.

"The establishment of separate trustee districts," Garvin said, "would save us half our election costs," which, he said, would amount to a million dollars in savings.

The proposal was defeated by a 4-2 vote, with opponents arguing that it would be impractical.

"To divide [the district] into seven smaller districts," Trustee Hudson argued, "would be more in the arena of personal considerations."

"The issue cannot be 'How can we save a few more dollars?'" said Trustee Lindsay Conner, who also argued that the situation would be more problematic as a result of dividing the districts.

Student Trustee Linda Escajeda urged that community college students be made aware that the June 2 runoff elections could make a very big difference in the final outcome.

"Students and all registered voters should know," she said, "that the race isn't over yet."

Escajeda emphasized that the runoffs could be the decisive factor in ridding the Board of some of those who allegedly are indifferent to faculty layoffs yet are very concerned when it comes to their personal salaries.

At press time, the Valley Star learned that LACCD Chancellor Leslie Koltai, amidst the turmoil of the embattled Board of Trustees (by whom the Chancellor is chosen), moved to rescind the faculty layoffs, a move which was unanimously approved yesterday by a 6-0 vote at an executive meeting at Los Angeles Mission College in San Fernando.

**Board votes 6-0 to rescind faculty layoffs**

Trustee Arthur Bronson was not present at the meeting.

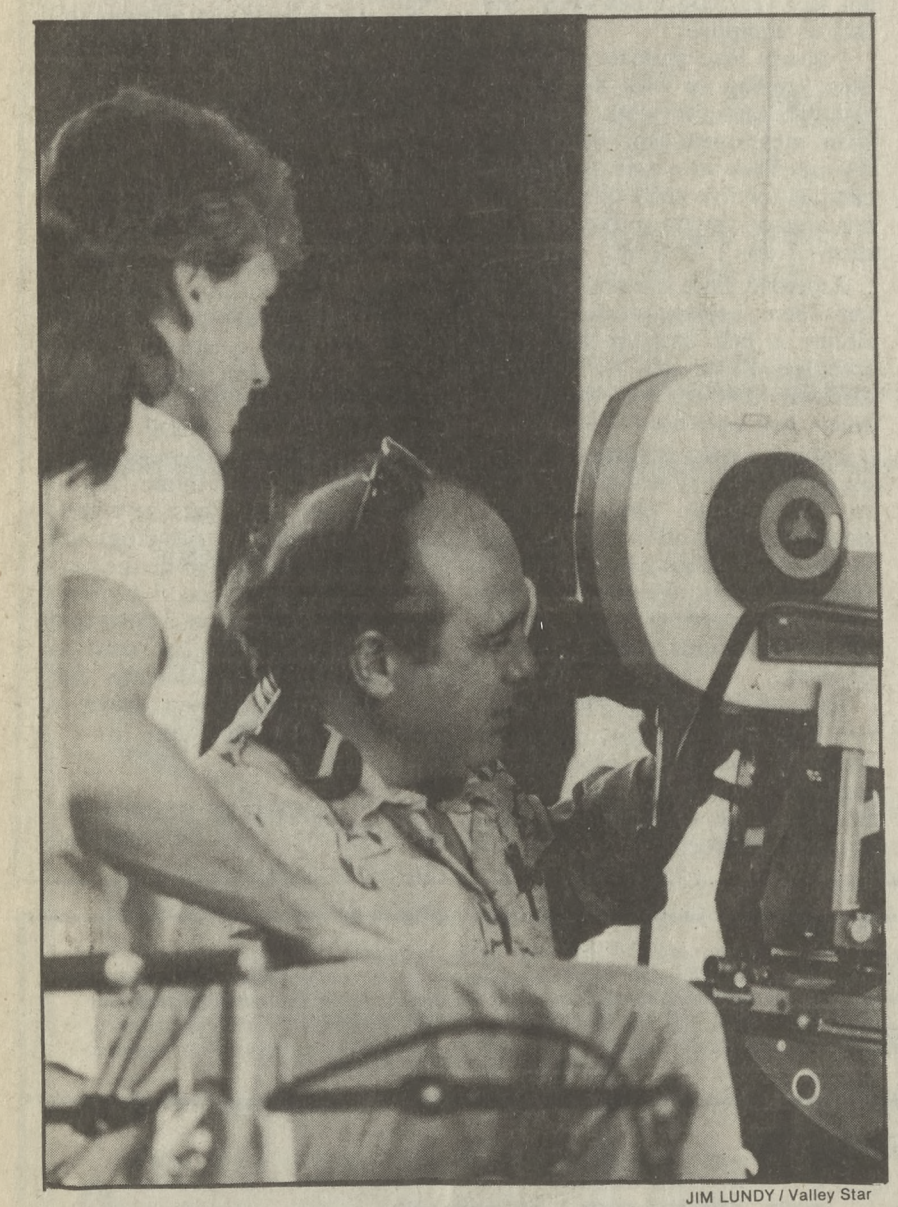
The Valley Star was unable to reach Chancellor Koltai for comment, however it was known that he is presiding over a committee to work on a plan by an ad hoc group of community college leaders to develop a new funding mechanism for the state's imperiled two-year institutions.

Koltai is one among a group composed of chancellors, trustees and representatives of college organizations which last month endorsed retaining former California Legislative Analyst A. Alan Post to develop a long-term, stable funding instrument for the colleges.

The findings of the study are expected to be published by mid-May, according to LACCD Director of Communication Services Norm Schneider.



LACCD Chancellor Dr. Leslie Koltai at yesterday's board meeting at L.A. Mission College



Danny De Vito filming a scene from "Throw Momma from the train," on the Valley College Campus. Billy Crystal co-stars in this upcoming Orion release.

ELECTION RESULTS			LACCD Board of Trustees		Elected candidates are in bold. * Indicates runoff candidates.						
District 1	votes	percent	District 3	votes	percent	District 5	votes	percent	District 7	votes	percent
*Wallace Knox.....	72,822	38.0	*M.A. Hudson.....	92,341	49.1	<b>Harold Garvin (inc.)</b> .....	116,491	62.5	*David Lopez-Lee.....	71,584	38.0
*Pat Hollingsworth.....	42,386	22.1	*Julia L. Wu.....	42,224	22.4	Frank Mazzi.....	39,055	20.9	*Richard E. Ferraro.....	43,842	23.2
M.F. Richman (inc.).....	33,541	17.5	Bernard Friedman.....	36,487	19.4	Mark MacCarley.....	30,689	16.4	Elizabeth M. Rowen.....	19,994	10.6

## Co-op Ed aids students, employers

By JOHN L. BRENNAN  
Staff Writer

Students may be able to earn more than dollars if they also work full or part-time.

Valley College offers a Cooperative Education program which enables students to earn up to 14 units of college credit for work experience that is directly related to their academic major or vocational goal.

"To qualify for credit in this program," said Dr. Lynn Lomen, Consulting Instructor in placement and Cooperative Education, "a student must be enrolled in seven or more units, including work experience."

Students in volunteer work may also qualify for work experience credit, he said.

Students interested in the program are required to attend a 'control' class one hour per week, which covers practical information to help students succeed in their careers.

The class addresses such issues as career development, motivation, communication, human relations, problem-solving and leadership.

Lomen emphasized that the work experience aspects of this program enable students to progress in class, and apply the principles learned to the workplace.

"Study and work are integrated," said Lomen. "Hence, the program is called 'cooperative education.' The study program and work are integrated in such a way as to make each more relevant, rewarding and interesting."

For the Summer session, a student only has to be enrolled in one class besides Cooperative Education, Lomen said.

**The benefits for students are clear to see. But, employers benefit as well.**

30-year-old Cliff Harris, a business major at Valley, has found the program helpful in getting the most out of school in the least amount of time.

"For a returning student like myself," Harris said, "the program shortens the amount of time for acquiring the 16-program required units. For the time that is allotted to me for my job and school," he added, "the program is invaluable to me."

Harris is in business for himself and receives units by consulting with experts in his field.

22-year-old Rosalind Brown, a second-semester psychology major who also works for a psychologist in Sherman Oaks, says she is "ecstatic" about the program.

"This job works very well for me in the Cooperative Education program."

Students in the program are evaluated by their employer and the college for their final grade.

The system, says Lomen, makes it necessary for the student to work with "employers, who are willing to enter into a cooperative education agreement with the college."

The benefits for students in the program are clear for all to see. But employers benefit as well by receiving a steady flow of trained personnel for their organizations. The college wins, too, by responding to specific community needs, bringing the faculty into closer touch with the community, and by helping the student to enhance his or her career.

Any student who plans to enroll in the program and transfer to a four-year state college or university should first verify the number of units that will be accepted for transfer credit, Lomen said.

For more information, contact the Cooperative Education office, located in the Placement Office, Campus Center, room 116.

## Custodian Saves Child

By Vergie Papalexis  
Staff Writer

Manny Ramirez, Valley College Administration Building Custodian put his life on the line yesterday at 1:20 p.m. to save a little girl from oncoming death.

While picking up his own children from San Fernando Elementary School, Ramirez saw a toddler slipping out of the gate in front of her residence. In an instant she darted out into the street. A truck was approaching.

"Impulsively, I ran and grabbed the little girl," Ramirez said. "I heard the screeching brakes and, as I turned, the truck had slowed almost to a stop. Seeing all was well, he just kept going."

Ramirez, whose own children are ages two and nine, shuddered. It wasn't until after it was all over, he said, "that I felt nervous and broke out in goose bumps thinking I could have been killed too."

Usually a grandmother picks up his children from school. Due to certain circumstances he did it yesterday.

"It was as though God put me there at that moment," he said.



Teenage suicide—

—Editorial

# The Primal Scream of a Modern Generation

Fifty two hundred kids in the United States kill themselves each year. Suicides have become the second leading cause of death in those between the ages of 15 and 24. They come from all walks of life and different economic and educational backgrounds.

The act is one of seemingly senseless finality. Families filled with remorse feel guilt-ridden as well. All seem to ask the same questions. Why? Did we see signs of it coming? Could we have prevented it?

"Suicide has become an international epidemic and involves modern industrialization," said Clinical Psychologist, Pamela Cantor, president of the National Committee for Youth Suicide Prevention. "In spite of affluence and technological advances, Some youth are finding life is not worth living" said Cantor.

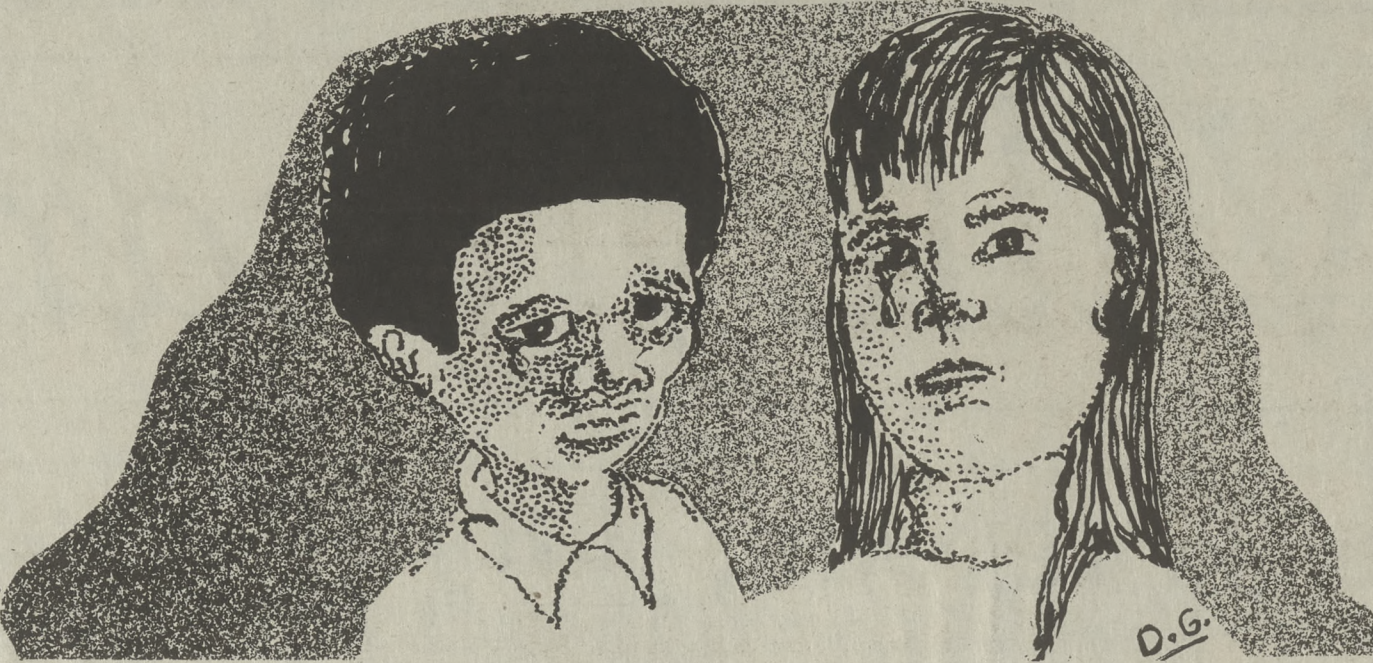
A Los Angeles Suicide Prevention Center study discovered that approximately 90 percent of suicidal youths felt their families did not understand or appreciate them.

"The youngsters found it hard to express their feelings of unhappiness, frustration or failure because those feelings were unacceptable to their parents. Their feelings are ignored, denied or met by defensive hostility," said Michael L. Peck, Ph.D. and Robert E. Litman who conducted the research.

The same study showed many attempted suicides evolved from a disorganized home or breakdown of the family structure due to parental death, divorce or parental rejection.

Some couldn't cope with the loneliness and isolation caused by the loss of love. Others found that life's pressures, competitiveness and tensions turned their behavior into anger and a self-destructive force.

"It's healthy to go through normal steps of



depression" said Dr. John Workman, Valley College psychological counselor. "But, the key item to remember is the ability to detect the difference between what is normal and what becomes a high risk case.

"In high risk cases" said Workman "they take outside trauma and react so negatively it colors their life dim so that they want to kill themselves." In others, Workman explained "Their system reacts bio-chemically (more severely than usual) to emotional trauma. Those cases can be treated with antidepressants.

The most serious cases are those that become psychotic, which Workman described as those losing touch with reality because of a trauma. "They hear voices telling them to kill themselves," said Workman.

•Cantor's studies show the leading method of suicide is the use of firearms. Some use alcohol

or drugs to counter their depression, but find themselves more depressed and unable to think clearly. Their solution is to pick up a gun or a knife. Many drown themselves, walk off a cliff or die of carbon monoxide poisoning.

But, is this the solution? What can we do to help avert a suicide?

Dr. Workman says we could all be more aware of assessing potential suicide and be able to distinguish between just depression or a major problem.

"As professionals in counseling, said Workman "it is our ethical obligation to seek help for these people when we detect a critical crisis." Trained to call the Psychiatric Emergency team from Olive View Psychiatric Emergencies, he said "They can hold a person, if deemed dangerous to himself or others, for 72 hours against the person's will."

Valley's campus is not equipped to handle

this type of emergency. "Fortunately," Workman said, "We've never had to call the team from Olive View."

Valley College's Psychological services are organized to be a short term crisis intervention unit, helping those who are dealing with depression to get over their depression and on with their lives.

The solutions we suggest to avert suicides are:

1. Be aware if the person has a plan. Such as saying, "I have a gun or some pills to take my life with. TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY!"
2. Don't overlook your hunch. Do go by your gut feelings.
3. Watch for alcohol abuse, marked changes in personality, behavior and appearance, loss of appetite and constant exhaustion.
4. Answer cries for help. Offer to go with a person to a counselor.
5. Speak openly about the problem. Offer alternate solutions.
6. Provide additional education on suicide, its detection and prevention.
7. Make it harder to obtain a gun or drugs.
8. Dr. Cantor suggests doctors sell antidepressants only with its antidote or emetic. A person may change their mind after a suicide attempt has been made and the antidote could be given immediately.

Psychological Counseling services are available on campus by appointment or on a drop in basis in Bungalow 14. Off campus services are: Suicide Prevention Center (213) 381-5111, West Orange County Hotline (213) 596-5548, Contact Pasadena Crisis (818) 449-4500.

Usually, just knowing someone cares can make the difference to someone contemplating suicide.

## Voters fail to show up

By ROBERTA KOSTENBADER  
Staff Writer

Last Tuesday was election day for Los Angeles voters. I participated in two respects: as a voter and as a precinct worker.

As one who voted I felt a great deal of personal satisfaction. As a precinct member, who worked from 6:30 a.m. until 9:15 p.m., I have

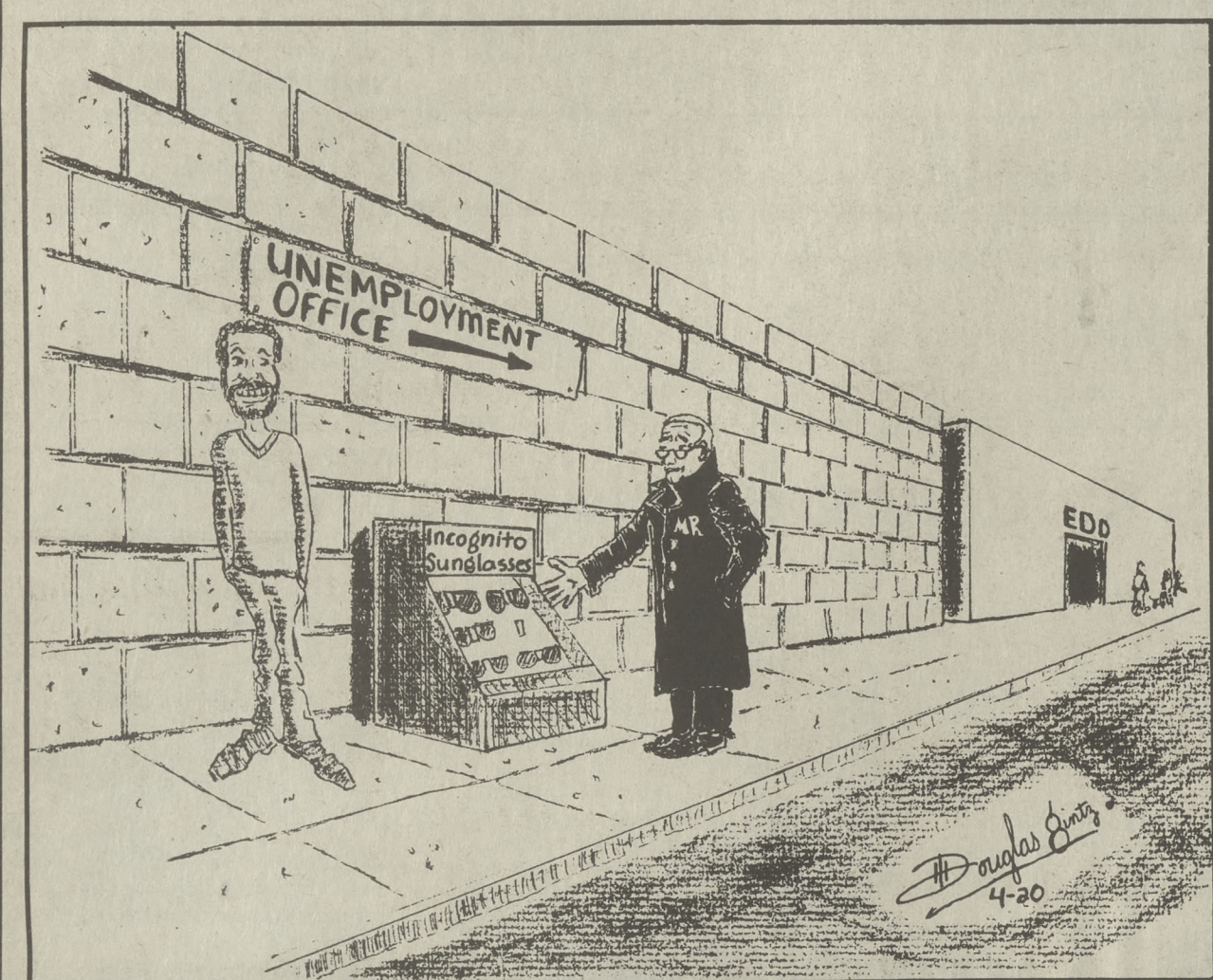
two questions: first, where was everyone?

The prevailing factors should have encouraged a good turnout. The ballot was short and took only a couple of minutes to vote. The weather was beautiful, so that couldn't have been a deterrent. The city spent over 1.5 million tax dollars to hold the election.

There were important offices in

contention: members of the City Council, members of the School Board and a majority membership of the Community College Board of Trustees.

Realizing the importance of the election, I pose my second question. Who were the real losers in last week's election: the candidates who ran but were defeated, or the 85 percent of L.A.'s voters who chose to default?



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## Letters to the Star

### Students accused of choosing ignorance over knowledge

Editor,

After almost seventy years, I have learned and have been convinced that to have knowledge is to have a better chance to control one's own life. As a student off and on throughout the years at Valley College, I have often wondered the following:

With the wonderful opportunities to learn to read, I wonder why so many students do not read well enough to gain knowledge and pleasure?

I wonder why a class can start a semester with fifty or more students and finish with as little as ten?

When even the least educated people who attend our college know that other countries are producing students who are leading the world in commerce and industrial production, I wonder at the lack of motivation to learn that which would take up the challenge to be more productive?

Whereas, we have a really beautiful campus, I wonder why there is so much rubbish strewn around the parking lots and other landscaped areas when there are plenty of trash barrels around.

With young people using the college as a baby sitting nursery where play is more interesting than achieving a scholarship, is it any wonder that our state government has education on low priority for budgeting?

With few exceptions, most of our students are interested in having a ball, while students of other countries are getting the education to control their lives and perhaps the world. I wonder why?

There can be many excuses. But, when one reaches the age of eighteen, one has enough ego to be able to direct his/her life despite prior influences. It's your own choice. I wonder why so many students choose ignorance over knowledge? Why? Oh why?

ABE LUBOFF  
Student for life

### Fur flies over cat article printed by the Star

Editor

I am a student at Valley College presently taking public-speaking. I am also very concerned about the cats on campus.

I dearly love animals and have been keeping up with the articles about the cats every week. There has been mentioned that they carry disease. They have been around the campus for five years or more and has anyone caught a disease from them? I don't think so.

Especially since you can't even get near them. I think it is our responsibility to help care for these little creatures all we can. After all it's difficult fending for themselves when they have been abandoned.

I think a special fund should be set up for them by whomever wants to help donate. Donation cans should be set up all over campus to help pay for the spaying and neutering, food costs, shelters for them. We could possibly start a CAT CLUB on campus to help take care of them.

It's awfully costly and timely for two wonderful women to do this alone for so long. Let's all get together and help them and the cats. In the end we will become a more compassionate society and it will cer-

tainly make better people out of all of us by helping our fellow creatures.

SUZANNE MATTHEWS R.N.

### Toads and frogs murdered in the name of science?

Editor

When I was a little girl I could look out into my backyard and see lots of frogs and toads. They were everywhere. Big frogs, little frogs and toads; Now when I look in my backyard I can't see any frogs.

So, where have they all gone to? Let me tell you where all the frogs and toads are.

Physiology teachers are murdering and mutilating them in their classrooms. These heartless teachers are cutting their brains out and pitting their brains so students can see how the frogs' reflexes and other organs work.

People have to take a stand and stop this cruel heartless murder of poor innocent creatures. These frogs can't speak, but if they could, they would yell and scream and say "STOP! HELP ME! I have a right to live!"

It might be just a dumb frog to some people, but frogs have feelings too. When all the frogs are gone, what animal will be the next victims of these teachers? Let's all speak out for these poor frogs and all the animals that are used in classrooms for experiments. Let the future generations have a chance to enjoy frogs too.

NATALIE KLEINMAN  
Student

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### LETTERS

The Valley Star is happy to receive and, if possible, publish letters from its readers.

Star reserves the right to condense all letters for space considerations. Submitted letters should be limited to 350 words. Letters are subject to editing if they are obscene, libelous, or

make racial, ethnic, or religious denigrations.

Letters should be signed and, if applicable, should include student's major and ID number. Letters may be presented in the Valley Star office, Business Journalism 114, by Monday for the following Thursday.





## LAVC PROGRAM

On Friday, April 24 from 10:30 a.m. to noon, The commissioner of Black Ethnic Studies at LAVC will be presenting a program in Monarch Hall featuring a fashion show, comedian Myra J. and a speaker from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Refreshments will be served following the program.

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## ABILITIES EXPO

The newest technical advances in equipment for the disabled will be on display at the Abilities Expo Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 24, 25 and 26, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the L. A. Convention Center.

Abilities Expo is open to the public and admission is free.

For more information, please call (619) 944-1122.

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## TRAFFIC VIOLATORS SCHOOL

A Traffic Violators' School will be offered on Saturday, April 25 at LAVC from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Enrollment, which costs \$18, takes place in the Community Services office from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays.

For details, call (818) 988-3911.

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## LAVC LECTURE

"Sex and the Single Adult" will be the subject of a lecture presented by LAVC professors Lou Albert and Ginny Wiprud on Wednesday, April 29 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in CC104. Admission is free.

## JOB FAIR

The Valley Youth Job Fair will take place on Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Northridge Fashion Center.

This event is sponsored by the Valley Industry and Commerce Association and the L.A. Unified School District. They will offer summer jobs and career information to all interested students.

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## JOURNALISM SEMINAR

UCLA Extension will present "New Trends in Journalism: A Day with the L.A. Times" on Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the UCLA Extension Bldg. Room 760, 10995 Le Conte Ave., Los Angeles. Admission fee is \$55. For details, call (213) 825-0641.

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## REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Wednesday, April 29 the A.S.U. will sponsor Holocaust Remembrance day in Monarch Square from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

People are needed to read names of the Holocaust victims. All people interested in volunteering should see Bruce Najbergier in CC102 or call 781-1200 Ext. 361.

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## SENATE MEETING

There will be an LAVC Academic Senate Meeting today at noon in the Faculty Lounge.

## News Notes

## SCHOLARSHIPS

The Senior Students Club of LAVC is offering a \$125 scholarship for Spring '87. Students must have: a 3.0 GPA, completed 30 units and be enrolled in a minimum of 6 units in the Spring '87 semester (part-time students will only be considered if they are employed).

The deadline for filing applications is Thursday, April 30, 1987.

The Patrons Association of LAVC is offering grants of \$125 for the Spring '87 semester. Students must have: financial need, a minimum of 12 units (nursing students will be eligible with a 9.0 unit program), and a 2.0 GPA.

The deadline for applications to be returned is Friday, May 1, 1987.

Applications for PELL grants for the 1986-87 academic year must be received no later than May 1, 1987.

Students interested in any of these scholarships can obtain application forms in the Financial Aid Office, Campus Center, Rm. 100

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## BECOME A ZOO DOCENT

Los Angeles Zoo Docents provide tours to students, teach youth and adult workshops in the zoo, and present classroom programs in Los Angeles area schools.

Applications are now available for the Fall 1987 Provisional Class. Deadline for application is May 1.

If interested, call Yvonne Maizland or Dee Harris at the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association, (213) 664-1100.

## OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

The Van Nuys division of the L.A. Police Department, in an effort to fight crime, has electric "engraving pencils" available to the public for free use.

The engravers may be borrowed at no charge for up to three days. Individuals will also be supplied with a crime prevention kit which includes a booklet to list items and serial numbers, and decals to place on windows and doors. For more information, call (818) 989-0300.

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## FOLK DANCING

The International Rendezvous Folk Dancers offers folk dancing every Saturday night in the Field House on Ethel Avenue. Dancing takes place from 8 to 9 p.m. with requests following until 11 p.m.

Sponsored by Community Services, admission is \$1.50. For more information, call (818) 988-3911 Monday through Friday.

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## RAPE HOTLINE

A hotline for rape and battered victims is available 24 hours a day through the L.A. Commission on Assaults Against Women.

This agency also provides crisis intervention, hospital accompaniment, peer counseling, referrals, self-defense classes, child abuse prevention and a speakers bureau. Call (213) 392-8381.

## PIANO CONCERT

David Karol will be performing in concert today at 11 a.m. in the Music Recital Hall, Music Bldg.

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## LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Library has a book sale every Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hardbacks range from 25 cents to \$2 and paperbacks are 20 cents each or six for a dollar. In addition there is a 25 cent bargain cart of books for sale every day. Miscellaneous magazines are for sale for 5 cents each. Proceeds from the sale go towards the purchase of new books for the library.

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## RTD DIRECTORY

The RTD Bus service has published a paratransit directory that contains a comprehensive listing of accessible services available on transit lines serving Los Angeles County. The 146 page brochure, broken down by city, contains detailed information about services, fares and routes.

For more details contact Greg Davy or Jim Smart at (213) 972-6323

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## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Children of students, staff and faculty are eligible for a limited number of openings now available in the Child Development Center.

Applications are available at the Counseling Office, Administration Building, and at the Child Development Center. For further information call 781-1200 ext. 231.

## MAMMOGRAPHY SCREENING

Holy Cross Hospital is offering low cost mammography screenings throughout the months of April and May.

Mammography is a low-dose x-ray test that has proven to be highly effective in detecting breast cancer in its earliest, most treatable stage.

Participants must register first with the American Cancer Society, San Fernando Valley Chapter, at 989-5555 before a screening time can be assigned.

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## INFORMATION ON EPILEPSY

The Los Angeles County Epilepsy Society (LACES) is the only organization set up specifically to serve people with epilepsy and was established in 1956 as a non-profit voluntary corporation.

LACES is supported primarily by contributions and most services are free and include: counseling, educational programs and seminars, and consultation services.

Members receive newsletters, literature and other services provided through the organization.

If you would like to become a member and/or would like more details, call LACES at (213) 382-7337.

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## SLIDE LECTURE

"Roaming the California Coastline" will be the subject of a slide lecture presented by Richard M. Raskoff on Tuesday, April 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the Math-Science Bldg Room 109. Admission is free.

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The graduates will receive a bi-yearly newsletter from now until the celebration and are eligible for the GPHS Hall of Fame, which will recognize the 100 most notable worthy alumni. Applications will consist of a summary of the person's career or major accomplishments and contributions.

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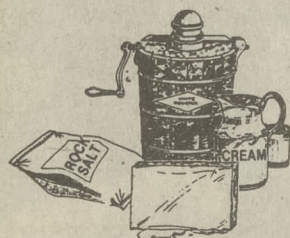
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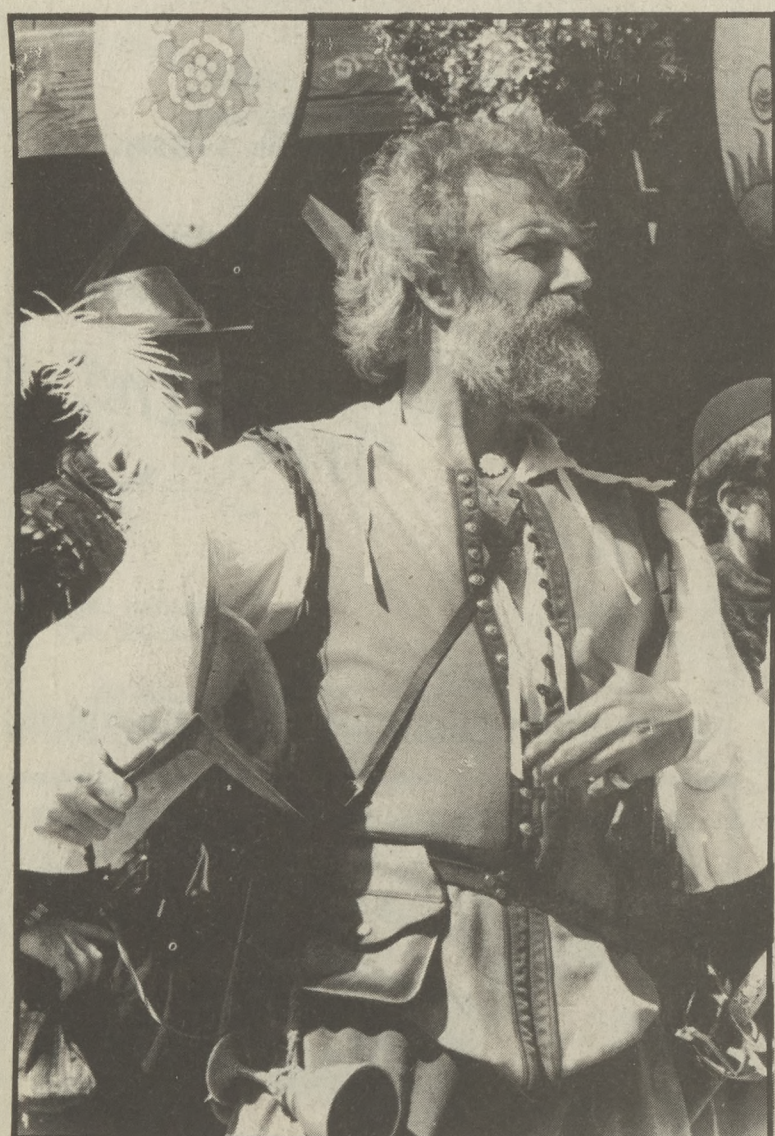
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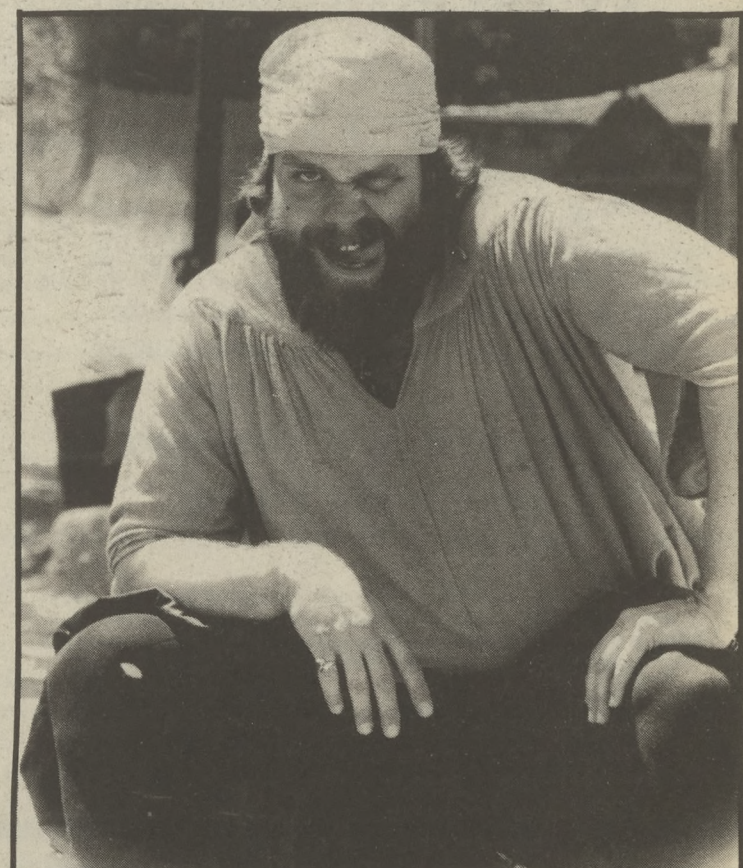
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## Silver Year— Twenty-five years



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## Music savant finds satisfaction in piano

By ALLAN CAPLAN  
Staff Writer

"A person who is teaching piano ought to at least show that the piano is capable of many different types of compositions from many different eras.

"And by performing, I think that students get a sense that from the baroque period to the contemporary period there's something that has been written for the piano," said Music Professor David Karol, who has been teaching at Valley College for over fifteen years.

"Ever since I've been at Valley I have played once or twice a year on a faculty recital, and I do look forward to it."

And today at 11:00 a.m. Karol will be once again playing in the Music Recital Hall. His recital this time will include compositions by Liszt, Bach, and Chopin.

Karol's credentials include a bachelor's degree with recommendation in music from Cal State Northridge, a bachelor's degree in fine arts from the California Institute of Arts, a master's degree in music from U.S.C., a doctorate in music from Coltoner Conservatory of Music in Switzerland and postdoctoral work at U.S.C.

His favorite instrument is the piano which he played in a concerto at the Hollywood Bowl at the age of nine. He credits his early success on that instrument to his teacher's dedication.

"After all, I believe it (the piano) to be the most complete of all instruments, as it does encompass all the notes available in music. It has been the instrument of choice of composers from Beethoven through Ravel.

"To this day when a composer has a musical conception, even for an orchestra, it's realized first at the piano keyboard," said Karol. "Even music synthesizers have a piano-like keyboard."

Karol first started at Valley, teaching piano, in 1964. In 1967 he left to teach music at Central Washington State University, returning to Valley in 1971, where

he taught piano, counter-point, harmony and musicianship. In addition, he taught part-time at L.A. City College and Pierce College.

"I think the Valley College music department is more complete, but its future completeness may be compromised by what the Community College District has in mind, not only for Valley, but also for other campuses that have music.

"With the reduced amount of faculty and courses, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to actually consider themselves in a transfer program to upper division schools. Even if the classes did exist, they would be given so seldomly, that it would take many years in order to acquire enough units or classes to transfer," explained Karol.

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As a result of this diminished program at Valley, many music students are enrolling directly in upper division colleges, thereby further reducing attendance in the music department.

Since the '50s, music in the public school system has been continuously de-emphasized, by a reduction in the number of music teachers and music facilities in the schools. Now those students from the '50s, who were deprived of a musical background are parents, many of whom do not encourage their children to study music seriously. As a result, there are fewer and fewer students today considering making music a rich part of their lives.

As for music in television and musical scores in movies, Karol feels these will eventually be supplied solely by synthesizers.

"In 'Miami Vice,' the t.v. series," he explained, "one man composes the music, and the same man plays all the music himself."

## 'Mr. right' proves a robot can be human too

By JUDITH WAXMAN  
Staff Writer

Is it a man or is it a machine?

The question is entertainingly answered in Susan Seidelman's latest film, "Making Mr. Right."

A bittersweet comedy, "Making Mr. Right" is the story of a woman, a man and an android, an automaton with human form.

The young woman, Frankie Stone, is an image consultant who usually publicizes politicians. Hired by Chemtech Corporation to humanize a mechanical man, she meets Dr. Jeff Peters, the scientist who created the lifelike android, and Ulysses, the android programmed for space flight.

The twist is that Ulysses and Jeff look exactly alike.

In a dual role, John Malkovich portrays both characters. As Jeff, the sterility of his scientist's laboratory spills over into his private life. Jeff's dream is of space light and an uncluttered, uncomplicated existence. Jeff is afraid of women.

"I'm not very good with people," he says.

As Ulysses, however, he is a "live wire." With blond hair and an orange jump suit, Ulysses literally

loses his head over Frankie.

"One minute with a woman and he short-circuits," says Jeff as he rescues Ulysses' head.

In one sequence, Ulysses escapes from the lab and experiences a crowded Miami Beach shopping mall. He goes on kiddie rides, buys a tuxedo, and squirts a co-worker with a squeezable ketchup bottle, when she meets up with him and thinks he is Jeff.

Without social graces, Ulysses is laughable and likeable.

Moreover, Frankie, whose personal life is a mess, is drawn to Ulysses' innocence. Furthermore, he kisses right and makes love right, according to Frankie's best friend, Trish.

"Mr. Right" may not be who you expect him to be. But Ulysses is an android, slated for seven years in space.

"Making Mr. Right" has an outstanding cast. Ann Magnuson plays Frankie exactly right giving a natural performance.

The movie was directed by Susan Seidelman, written by Floyd Byars and Laurie Frank and produced by Mike Wise and Joel Tuber.

With its theme that sometimes people aren't as caring as a robot/human, "Making Mr. Right" is a funny film that will appeal to all ages.



Frankie Stone (Ann Magnuson) holds Ulysses' (John Malkovich) head after he short circuits in the bittersweet comedy "Making Mr. Right."

## Unusual lifestyle explored in hilarious play

By KAREN BROOME  
View Editor

"Spanish Confusion" is a must see. The play is fast-moving, entertaining and full of amusing one-liners. Characters are well-developed and complicated. It could easily be seen a second or third time without losing interest.

The play revolves around Anastasia Perez Herns (Candi Milo), a Spanish woman who desperately wants a family, and her belligerent Irish husband, Skeeter (Jere Burns).

Anastasia has suffered five miscarriages when she discovers a medical process that would allow her to carry a child full term.

Currently the couple lives in a low-rent area in New York's Hell's Kitchen. The expensive price of the treatment is a problem for the young couple.

The conflict intensifies when Marvin Gerard (William Tepper), a reclusive millionaire, takes an interest in Anastasia. He offers her \$1500 a session if she will teach him Spanish.

As time passes Skeeter is still out of work and his neurotic behavior is increasing. Marvin and his right hand man Stoney Inman (Barry Stigler) have become a regular sight around the Herns house.

In a hysterical Christmas scene, sounds of Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" can be heard in the background, before the record is smashed into little pieces.

Stoney enters, gangster style, to inform Skeeter of how lucky he is that Marvin has taken an interest in their well-being. He also emphasizes what might happen if he does not go along with the plan.

Next Marvin enters, speaks of his fondness for Anastasia and offers to

set Skeeter up in business.

It is all very suspicious. From the intense character interaction it is difficult to tell whether Marvin and Stoney are more than friends. Perhaps even Marvin and Skeeter are playing around and probably Anastasia is making love to the wealthy benefactor.

The room clears; Skeeter is alone again and then his wife comes bursting into the room to announce her pregnancy.

Money is not a problem with Marvin around. The couple moves into a deluxe penthouse with Marvin and Stoney.

"I've never seen anyone without a job look so good in a suit," Stoney says while badgering Skeeter "to find his sentence."

To know your sentence is to know your purpose in life. Skeeter eventually discovers this. Meanwhile, Anastasia has twins. This is not the

climax of the play, only a few key events.

For another year the complicated lifestyle continues. It is a bizarre triangle with Stoney as a fourth wheel.

Humor is the mainstay of "Spanish Confusion." One scene has the audience roaring with laughter as Marvin is pretending to sexually molest Anastasia while she is asleep. She awakes innocently, oblivious of the situation.

According to playwright John Ford Noonan, "the play is basically about how a woman gets what she wants and what she thinks about."

Once again, "Spanish Confusion" is an excellent play that is fast-moving and fun.

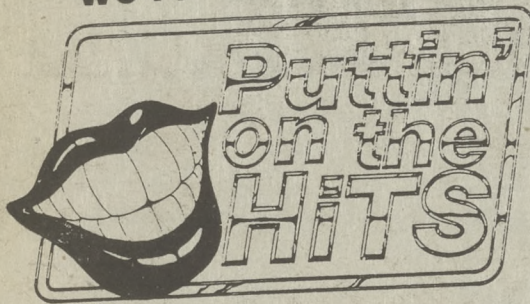
On a scale from one to ten, the experience would rate a ten.

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With the track season coming to an end, members of Valley's track team begin to gear up for the upcoming conference finals. Nineteen year old college freshman Ronald Chamberlain used part of his spring vacation time last week to practice his hurdling technique on Monarch field. The hurdles are three and a half feet tall and require a great deal of skill and agility to succeed.



GENE HERD / Valley Star

Monarch third baseman John Quick attempts to block the bag to keep San Bernadino centerfielder Logan Collins from reaching third base safely. The Monarchs' 5-2 loss to San Bernadino last Saturday, was their second loss in a week to the Indians. Last Thursday's score was 8-2. In a game with Mission College on Tuesday, April 14, the Monarchs defeated the Free Spirits 14-13.

## Baseball Schedule

April 23, Thurs. at Antelope Valley-2:30 p.m.

April 24, Fri. at L.A. City-2:30 p.m.

April 28, Tues. L.A. City-2:30 at Valley

April 30, Thurs. at Mt. San Jacinto-2:30 p.m.

May 2, Sat. Mt. San Jacinto-1:00 p.m. at Valley

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